

BLACKFORD COUNTY, IN

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	303	273	364
Acreage	85,958	87,329	91,040
Average size (acres)	284	320	250
Median size (acres)	82	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	475,311	303,323	196,269
Machinery/equip (dollars)	59,979	54,681	44,302
Cropland (acres)			
Total	76,593	78,919	81,205
Harvested	69,696	70,367	65,273
Irrigated	0	D	D
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	25,295	22,696	20,595
(dollars avg. per farm)	83,481	83,135	56,580
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	16,161	15,028	13,825
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	1,769	2,039	2,707
Beef cows	D	540	589
Milk cows	D	146	249
Hogs and pigs	33,458	30,690	22,875
Sheep and lambs	217	243	680
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	598
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	28,065	27,910	24,553
Corn, silage or green chop	84	205	274
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	3,207	2,944	5,067
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	63	207	329
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	38,889	39,552	33,874
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	1,402	1,177	1,564
Vegetables			
Number of farms	4	4	5
Acreage	D	D	183

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Orchards

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

- N represents zero.
 - 0 represents an insignificant amount.
 - D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture